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Barber's Valuation \$17,718,665.

With the exception of a few cases still pending before the County Commissioners and the State Tax Commission, Barber county's assessed valuation is totaled. The railroad valuations were the last to arrive at the county clerk's office. The railroads, telegraphs and telephones extending into different counties are assessed by the state board. The aggregate assessed valuation of all real and personal property is \$17,718,665, classified as follows:

Real estate (land).....	\$ 8,077,400
Town lots.....	1,307,321
Personal.....	4,821,400
Railroad, Telegraph, Telephone, etc.....	3,512,544
Total.....	17,718,665

The gain over last year's assessment is \$1,338,275. The gain over the actual valuation as finally adjusted by the board is \$1,318,649. The different railroad branches and telegraph and telephone and express companies doing business in the county are assessed as follows:

Medicine Lodge Branch (S. F.).....	\$ 507,090
Panhandle Branch.....	543,280
Mulvane Branch.....	213,405
Ward Branch.....	2,005,276
Mo. Pacific.....	353,058
Pullman.....	4,135
Wells Fargo Express Co.....	175
Pacific Express Co.....	75
TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE	
Western Union Tel. Co.....	23,796
Mo. & Kans. Tel. Co.....	6,803
Sawyer-Isabel Tel. Co.....	3,901
Zenda & Nashville.....	982
Medicine Lodge Co.....	18,729
Pratt Tel. Co.....	303
Barber Co. Tel. Co.....	7,014
Kiowa Tel. Co.....	12,100
Coats Southwestern.....	805
Ranchmens Tel. Co.....	7,400
Achenbach Line.....	300
Hazleton Tel. Co.....	640
Crow Point Tel. Co.....	410

The mileage of the different branches of railroads, not including sidings, in the county is:

Medicine Lodge Branch.....	34.42
Panhandle.....	13.15
Ward (D. E. & G.).....	49.00
Mulvane.....	5.81
Missouri Pacific.....	10.12
Total.....	91.75

Honors Equally Divided

In the Ashland-Medicine ball games played in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, honors were equally divided. Ashland won on Tuesday in a score of 13 to 7, and Medicine Lodge won on Wednesday in a score of 4 to 3. Tuesday's game was played rather loosely as the score indicates. The Medicine Lodge boys started off wrong and allowed the score to run up early in the game. The Ashland team, with this advantage, also played carelessly at times.

Wednesday's game was excellent. Both teams were in the game from the start and the errors were few. Guilford Davis was in the box in both games. In the last game he excelled himself and fully redeemed his reputation from what it suffered the previous day.

There was one feature that was not right. Two "sports" residing in the city got to "rooting" and betting against the Medicine Lodge team which shows the wrong spirit. If you can't shout for the home team, keep mum. To bet against or root against the home team is an unpardonable sin in base ball ethics.

What is an Auto

A satisfactory definition of the motor car is given in Collier's thus: "The automobile is a large iron and rubber contrivance for transforming gasoline into speed, luxury, excitement and obituaries. It consists of a handsome leather upholstered carriage bed mounted on fat rubber-tired wheels and containing a gizzard full of machinery suffering from various ailments. It is the speediest and most stylish form of transportation known. It has run 100 miles an hour and costs \$1000 a minute. It can transport seven people from the front porch to the police station, the bankruptcy court or the golden gates in less time than any other method."

Morris-McCullough

Gus H. Morris and Miss Nora Louise McCullough of this city were married at the residence of Probate Judge S. P. Garrison Thursday evening, June 24, 1909, Judge Garrison officiating.

The groom is a son of Mrs. M. E. Morris and the bride is a daughter of E. W. McCullough and wife who moved here only a few months ago.

The Index extends congratulations and good wishes.

May Call Special Session

The word was given out from Topeka the first of the week that Gov. Stubbs has come close to a decision to call a special session of the legislature to meet early in July to "cure" certain defects in the state bank guaranty law. It has developed that the company organized by the bankers of the state who refused to "volunteer" to get under the state law, offers better protection to depositors than the state law permits the bankers operating under it, offer and hence Dr. Stubbs and Dr. Dole propose to spend about \$30,000 more of this people's money to "cure" the aforesaid defects. One of the lame places in the law is that it restricts bankers from paying over 3 per cent interest on deposits. This, of course, was a fool provision and the bankers who organized in competition with the state law, wisely "cut it out." Should the legislature re-convene and cure this, the bankers will do something else to weaken the state law and the Governor and his pal Dole can have another special session and so on until the state funds are exhausted.

The position of the Democratic party in the 1908 campaign is being vindicated all the time. It was contended by them that a law which makes it optional to bankers whether they are to be governed by it or not, is a farce and a fraud, and here comes the proof "so soon already." The half baked "mutual and voluntary" buncombe won't do.

Fine Refused

It is rare that a man is denied the privilege of pleading guilty in court but that is what happened to Mayor Skinner last Wednesday morning. He went before Police Judge Kidd and surrendered himself and entered a plea of guilty to violating the speed ordinance but Judge Kidd sternly refused to assess a fine on the ground that no complaint had been made.

Mr. Skinner made a fast drive on Walnut street in his car Tuesday evening and a close friend called him up that night advising him to beat a complaint to police court, which the mayor did.

A day later City Attorney Tinchler came to his chief's aid and by a strong plea persuaded Judge Kidd to accept a nominal fine from the mayor.

We think this was eminently proper. When a man's conscience hurts he is entitled to relief.

The city attorney says there are others to whom invitations are liable to be issued. It is fair to say in Mayor Skinner's case, the threatening condition of the clouds and an unqualified command to "hurry," given by his better half, were the elements that caused him to exceed the speed limit.

Compliments Prof. McGuire

Prof. Harry McGuire, formerly of this county and son of Jas. McGuire and wife residing east of this city, was one of the instructors in the Decatur county Normal Institute which has just closed. In complimenting his work, in connection with others who instructed in the Institute, the Oberlin Eye says:

"Prof. McGuire is conceded to be in the right place as leader of the singing and when it comes to algebra, reading and spelling he is there all the time."

His numerous Barber county friends are gratified to note Prof. McGuire's great success in educational work.

Ball Game July 3rd

The celebration base ball game in this city July 3rd will be between Nashville and Medicine Lodge. A prize will be offered to the winner and both teams are getting ready for a good game. The Nashville team is one of the best in this part of the state and the Medicine Lodge team is also at the head of the list, so that probably the best game of the season will be played here at that time.

This will be one of the leading attractions in the city during the celebration and it will be worth your time to come miles to see if you are a lover of the national game.

Prof. J. M. Walsh and wife returned to their home at Lake City yesterday. They spent a month in the city in normal institute work.

Marcell was Here

J. E. Marcell, the Highland bank defaulter who has gone wrong the second time, was in Barber county two weeks ago, at the time of his get-away. He spent a night with John Spriggs in Valley township, about twelve miles northeast of this city. From there he went to Pratt by motor, where he boarded the Rock Island, presumably enroute to old Mexico.

Mr. Spriggs knew Marcell well at Highland, the Spriggs brothers having lived there before coming to Barber county. Before Marcell became a bankrupt, he had interests in lands and cattle in this county and Messrs. Spriggs took care of them for him.

At the time he stopped at Mr. Spriggs's farm it was not known, even in Kansas City, that he had forged more paper or that he was getting away. He was very heavily laden with baggage but made no statement of the nature of his business on the trip except to say that he was returning to Kansas City from a trip west, which, of course, was false. Marcell is what may be called a "peacharuni."

Replenished the City Treasury

The city treasury was assisted \$150 in police court last week on the usual booze charge with special attachments, one party being fined \$100 and costs, and the other \$50 and costs, making a total of \$106 and \$57.

The fine of \$100 and costs was imposed on R. E. Kathren, and the \$50 and trimmings was a package handed to Wm. Twombly. The specific charge in each case, we are informed, was finally made to read "disturbing the peace."

Two other parties were implicated but have not yet been arrested. It is said that they are being held in reserve for the purpose of extracting from them information as to from whence the whisky came.

These two parties are said to be Dan Kidd and Jess Morlan. The four are accused of having a good time together.

The fines in these cases were much heavier than usual and are intended as a warning to others.

Law Suit over a Horse Deal

A law suit was recently brought in Justice Tedrow's court in this city which will be of interest to horse buyers and sellers when it finally comes to trial. Recently H. C. Alexander purchased a horse from Wm. Fuller and when he hitched the horse to a loaded wagon it proved to be very balky, so balky in fact that no amount of persuasion could make it work. Mr. Alexander claims that Mr. Fuller guaranteed the horse to work and on the strength of the guaranty demands that he (Fuller) take the horse back and return the money. Fuller denies having made the guaranty. The purchase price of the horse is \$75 and the plaintiff asks to recover this amount.

The case was to have been tried Friday but was postponed until July 15th at the request of the defendant's attorneys.

The plaintiff is being represented by S. S. Alexander of Kingman and the defendant by Noble & Tinchler of this city.

Suits for Damage

Elmer Rule brought suit in the district court on Monday against Joseph Phillips of this township, for damages in the amount of \$525. It is an outgrowth of the assault case in which the Phillips boys pleaded guilty in April. While driving across the Phillips land Mr. Rule and the Phillips brothers became involved in a controversy with the result that Mr. Rule was bruised up somewhat. He asks for \$25 on account of money expended for medicines and medical attention, \$50 for loss of time, \$200 for bodily pain and \$250 for mental anguish.

Mr. Rule also brought suit the same day against the Avery Manufacturing Company of Decatur, Illinois, for \$800 damages on account of a suit on attachment brought by the company against him. He won the suit in the district court and in the supreme court, and now asks to recover the money expended in defending the suit and compensation for his time in resisting the wrongful attachment.

Seward I. Field is Mr. Rule's attorney in both cases.

A Fatal Accident

Clyde Campbell, the 14-year old son of John Campbell and wife, residing between Lake City and Sun City, was thrown from a horse and killed last Wednesday morning.

Clyde and a smaller brother drove out to the pasture in the morning to feed the cattle oil cake. They took a saddle horse with them and at the feeding place Clyde got on the horse and went to gather up the cattle, the younger brother remaining with the team. After being out of sight some little time, the horse was seen going across the pasture some distance away, by the smaller boy, without a rider and upon going into a ravine he found Clyde lying on the ground but apparently still living. He hastened to the house and told his father of the accident and Mr. Campbell and one of his men hurriedly drove over to the scene only to find Clyde beyond assistance. He was breathing his last when they reached him and lived probably only a minute after they came. An examination of the body revealed that his neck was broken and that he was also kicked very hard in the breast by the horse.

The accident having taken place in the ravine, it is not known how he was thrown. The horse was not regarded as a bad horse.

The funeral was held on Thursday. A short service was held at the residence, but on account of Mrs. Campbell's sickness the greater portion of the services were held in the M. E. church at Lake City. Rev. Timmons of that city conducted them. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in that vicinity. The people of the community came from every home to offer sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell in the sudden and awful shock which invaded their household.

Clyde Campbell was more than an average boy. He was very bright intellectually, dutiful and obedient at home and a favorite among his young friends. He was a member of the common school graduating class of 1909 and attended commencement exercises in this city June 14th. He will be missed very sadly not only by the family but by others who knew and loved him, as well.

In a moment of this kind it is difficult to find words that express the feelings of the heart. The parents and other members of the family have a grief that is hard to bear in this sad ordeal.

The Index sympathizes deeply with them.

Mrs. Howe Dead

Maria W. Howe died at her home to this city Saturday, June 26, 1909 at 11 o'clock A. M., after a long illness. Abscess, followed by blood poison, and kidney affection were the causes of death.

On account of the condition of the body it was necessary to hold the funeral services the same day. They were held at the home at 5:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. T. J. Hudson, pastor of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Howe was born in the state of Iowa Feb. 18, 1829; died in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, June 26, 1909, aged 80 years, 4 months and 16 days. She was married to O. C. Howe April 8, 1849 and four children were born to the union, all of whom survive her—two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Porter of this city and Mrs. Harry Cooke of Lake City, and two sons whose place of residence is not known.

Her husband, Judge O. C. Howe, died August 13, 1899. He served the county as probate judge four years and has held different city and township offices here during his life time.

Judge Howe and wife came to this county in the early 80's, and were among the political and social leaders of the county and city in those days. Each was very strong intellectually and had much to do with the promotion of educational and commercial affairs. Theirs was a life well spent and the people of the city and county who knew them will remember them with sacred appreciation.

Judge Garrison issued marriage license on Monday to Walter A. Griffin of Kiowa and Miss Mary L. Foreman of Harper. Mr. Griffin is deputy assessor of Kiowa township and his bride is a school teacher, having taught in this county.

4th of July Medicine Lodge, Kansas ...PROGRAM...

Daybreak.....	Salute of 100 Guns
10 A. M.....	Ladies Automobile Parade
11 A. M.....	Music by Medicine Lodge Concert Band and Medicine Lodge Choral Society
Invocation.....	Elder Brown
Address.....	Rev. F. W. Imboden
12 M.....	Basket Dinner in Park
1:30 P. M.....	Sports and Amusements

Potato Race.....	\$2.00
100 Yard Race.....	\$7 and \$3.....\$10
Three-leg Race.....	\$2
100 Yard Race for boys under 16.....	\$5, \$2.50, \$7.50
High Jump.....	\$2
High Jump, boys under 16.....	\$2
50 Yard Race, men over 50.....	\$2
Boys' Sack Race.....	\$2
Barrel Race.....	\$2.50
Tug of War.....	\$5
Hurdle Race.....	\$7 and \$3.....\$10
Climbing Greased Pole.....	\$3
Slow Mule Race.....	\$3 and \$2.....\$5
Horse Race, free for all 1-4 mile.....	\$7 and \$3.....\$10

Merry-Go-Round and other amusements all pulled off on Main street and Kansas avenue. 4 o'clock, ball game, Nashville vs Medicine Lodge, on diamond east of court house. 8:45 Grand Fireworks. 9:30 Dance at Opera house.

Celebration on Saturday, July 3rd

Come everybody, and help us to make this the biggest day in the history of the old town

Committee

H. D. Fair has purchased the vacant Reed lot adjoining his store building on the north and there is a probability of his building on it soon. On Monday he and Messrs. Chandler and Best made a deal whereby the south wall of the building now being erected on the corner lot will be brick and Mr. Fair becomes half owner of it. Waldron Chase is also said to be interested in the deal.

The county commissioners met in adjourned session at the county clerk's office Monday. The State Tax Commission, not having passed on any of the matters affecting this county, there was little business to do. The only official business transacted by the board was to raise the valuation of the Badger Lumber Company of this city from \$6,190 to \$14,690. Manager Ewalt appealed from the board's decision and the matter will be disposed of by the state commission in regular order.

Sheriff Mathews arrested J. M. Billingsly in Pratt county last Thursday and held him until Monday for the sheriff at Holden, Oklahoma. Billingsly was wanted to answer to a charge of obtaining money under false pretense. He says he is innocent and claims his arrest is spite work. When Sheriff Mathews received the message to arrest Billingsly he was near Kiowa, this county, but he could not locate him before he got into Pratt county. A deputy sheriff arrived from Holden and took the prisoner back Monday and Billingsly went with the officer without demanding a requisition and seemed confident of establishing his innocence. He is a man about 50 years of age and has a good appearance.

According to a recent decision of the attorney general, brewers and liquor dealers outside of the state of Kansas may ship liquor to Kansas towns and deliver it to customers. In large cities this amounts to the same thing as open saloons. In such cities as Wichita, Leavenworth, Topeka and Kansas City, it is stated that beer wagons will start after July 5th, provided the Curtis bill now pending in congress does not pass, which is not thought likely to pass. This bill prohibits the shipment of intoxicating liquor into prohibition states, but if it fails, under the attorney general's opinion, beer and whisky may be delivered from house to house on a customer's order. This is good news to the Boozer family and it will make the enforcement of the law harder.

The best place in Barber county to buy shoes is at J. K. Richardson's, German.

Unless there is a change in the actions of the Kiowa Journal forthwith, the Index proposes to bring an action against Editor Fugate for breach of courtesy. We have not been on the Journal's "exchange" for a week or two and we are not posted on the latest population bulletin issued from the Journal office.

Several people in the town became very much disturbed this week in the fear that the Index would suppress certain police court news. They should not worry. The only kind of news the Index suppresses is that relating to poker games in which the players are not brought before the court. It makes a difference whose ox is gored. See?

The Western States Shows which held Carnival in this city last week is a good clean company and there was absolutely nothing objectionable to anything that took place on the grounds. The leading attraction, of course, was the merry-go-round and it was patronized, as the bills stated, by children from 6 to 60, and even at more tender and more advanced ages. The real good entertainments were given by the moving picture company. They were excellent. Traveling companies are more or less in disrepute but we see no room to criticize this carnival company.

Miss Wilhelmine Weber and her father, sister and father of Mrs. Emma Rankin of this city, arrived from Clifton, Indiana, last Wednesday to make this city their permanent home. Miss Weber has been employed to teach in the second and third grades of our city schools next term—the room made vacant by Miss Maude English's resignation. She has had a great deal of experience in school work and comes very highly recommended. The people of Medicine Lodge are glad for the privilege of extending a welcome greeting to Miss Weber and her father.

Barney Bristow who at one time was one of the very small boys in Medicine Lodge and left with his parents before growing much larger, has recently become a stockholder in the B. & B. Chemical Company of Denver, Colorado. The company specializes on a preparation advertised as "Clean-O-Spray," and the slogan is, "It cleans everything but a guilty conscience." Otto Southworth of this city received a very interesting letter from Barney last week and the general tone of it indicates that he is doing exceedingly well. There is only about a year's difference in their ages and in their young boyhood days they were intimate "chums."